

Martin ('Marty') Alicandro, Jr., 79



Martin ('Marty') Alicandro, Jr., 79, of Plymouth, died on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Massachusetts General Hospital surrounded by his family at his bedside.

He was born in Cambridge, the son of the late Martino Alicandro and Josephine Cobuzzi.

Mr. Alicandro graduated from Rindge Technical School in 1954. After a two-year stint in the Army, he returned home and pursued the trade of an auto technician specializing in automatic transmissions. After meeting his soulmate and beloved wife, Barbara Alicandro, formerly Barbara Marinos, of Plymouth, Marty moved to the South Shore and subsequently opened Kingston Automatic Transmission Company, in Kingston with his wife. Never ones to be complacent, he and his wife then purchased a GMC Truck franchise which is now located at 5 Kingston Collection Way (formerly Independence Mall Way) in 1968. Through years of hard work, patience and determination, Mr. Alicandro fostered the dealership to be an industry-leading performer in the region, as evidenced by the multitude of accolades bestowed upon the dealership by General Motors. Determined to enact change on a larger level, Mr. Alicandro served on several boards and committees at General Motors and was a supporter of local charities in the community. He mentored his loving daughter, Christine, who has succeeded him as the dealer principal. Through Christine's leadership, with the ongoing guidance of Mr. Alicandro, his GMC continues to flourish with the addition of the Isuzu and Buick franchises and its latest renovation. Until his recent illness, Mr. Alicandro's presence was known to both employees and clients through his almost daily appearances at the dealership, imparting his years of experience, knowledge and work ethic to those around him. He truly lived the American dream — he was a self-made, selfless man who achieved success through his work ethic, honesty and loyalty. He always put his family first and instilled a sense of values that are rare

to find these days. Mr. Alicandro's patience and loyalty were not just exemplified at the dealership. He was one of the original season ticket holders for the New England Patriots in 1960. After tolerating years of disappointing and often heartbreaking seasons through rain, snow, sleet, and occasionally sunshine, very little brought him more joy than being present at three Superbowl victories with family and friends. Win or lose, Marty's unwavering devotion to the Pats is indicative of his character — loyal 'til the bitter end. Mr. Alicandro's "work hard, play hard" philosophy did not just apply to football on Sundays. Traveling the world with his family revealed his adventurous side. From Russia, Australia, Brazil, to Asia and Europe, Mr. Alicandro treasured time spent exploring new destinations and cultures and was always a good sport trying new things. He instilled this "travel bug" in his daughters, ensuring that they always take advantage of the opportunity to travel, but also enjoy returning to the lives they have built back home.

Mr. Alicandro will be forever missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Barbara Alicandro, dearly loved daughter, Christine Karnolt, her husband Stephen Karnolt and his cherished grandchildren (or monkeys as he lovingly called them) Sophia and Martin (Tino), all of Kingston; dearly loved daughter, Theonie Alicandro, and her wife Amy Spurling, of Cambridge. Mr. Alicandro is also survived by his loving siblings Mary Mullane, of Medford, Connie McNeil, of Maryland, Joseph Alicandro and his wife Ernestine Alicandro, of Somerville Joanne Kendall and her husband Howard Kendall, of Plymouth, Jean Collins and her husband Dan Collins, of Medford. Marty was predeceased by his brother Ralph Alicandro. Too numerous to name, but by no means any less treasured, are many nieces and nephews. Mr. Alicandro's legacy and impact on his family and the local community will be felt for years to come.

Visiting Hours were held on March 8. A Funeral Service was held on March 9 at Christ Church, Plymouth. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association 55 W. Wacker Drive Suite 1150, Chicago IL 60601. For directions and online condolences please visit shepherdfuneralhome.com.